

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

2. The ink for ink jet recording according to ~~Claim~~the preceding Paragraph 1, which has a viscosity of 1 to 20 mPa·sec at 25°C.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

3. The ink for ink jet recording according to ~~Claim~~the preceding Paragraph 1 or 2, which has a static surface tension of 25 to 50 mN/m at 25°C.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 with the following amended paragraph:

4. The ink for ink jet recording according to ~~Claim~~the preceding Paragraph 2 or 3, wherein a viscosity of the ink has a viscosity ratio of not greater than 250% from at 25°C to at 10°C, and a static surface tension has a static surface tension ratio of not greater than 130% from at 25°C to at 10°C.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

5. The ink for ink jet recording according to any one of ~~Claims~~the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 4, which has a pH value of 4 to 12 at 25°C.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

6. The ink for ink jet recording according to any one of ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 5, which has a dye remaining ratio(density after fading/initial density x 100) of not smaller than 60%(preferably 80%) after 24 hours of storage in an atmosphere of 5 ppm ozone in a monochromatic area that is obtained by printing with a monochromatic ink(cyan) in such a manner a cyan reflection density through a status A filer is from 0.9 to 1.1.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

7. The ink for ink jet recording according to any one of ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 6, wherein the ink has Cu ions that are eluted with water in an amount of not greater than 20% of a total amount of the dye after an ozone fading under the conditions defined in 6.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

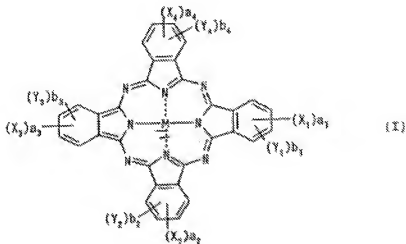
8. The ink for ink jet recording according to any one of ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 7, wherein the phthalocyanine dye is the water-soluble dye having an electron-withdrawing group at β -position of a benzene ring in the phthalocyanine.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

9. The ink for ink jet recording according to any one of ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 8, wherein the phthalocyanine dye is the water-soluble dye that is produced by a process which doesn't pass through a sulfonate ozone fading on of an unsubstituted phthalocyanine.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6-8 with the following amended paragraph:

10. The ink for ink jet recording according to any one of ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 9, wherein the phthalocyanine dye is represented by the following formula (I):



wherein X_1 , X_2 , X_3 and X_4 each independently represent $-\text{SO}-\text{Z}$, $-\text{SO}_2-\text{Z}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_1\text{R}_2$, sulfo group, $-\text{CONR}_1\text{R}_2$ or $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_1$; Z represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or substituted or

unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R₁ and R₂ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and when there are a plurality of Z's, they may be the same or different;

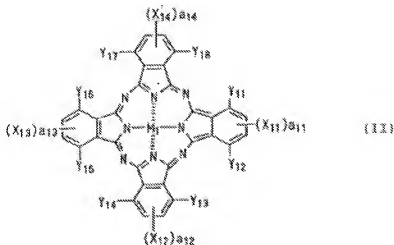
Y₁, Y₂, Y₃ and Y₄ each independently represent a monovalent substituent; and when there are a plurality of any of X₁ to X₄ and Y₁ to Y₄, they may be the same or different;

a₁ to a₄ and b₁ to b₄ represent the number of substituents X₁ to X₄ and Y₁ to Y₄, respectively; a₁ to a₄ each independently represent an integer of from 0 to 4 and are not 0 at the same time; and b₁ to b₄ each independently represent an integer of 0 to 4; and

M represents a hydrogen atom, metal atom or oxide, hydroxide or halide thereof.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 with the following amended paragraph:

11. The ink for ink jet recording according to ~~Claim the preceding Paragraph~~ 10, wherein the dye represented by the formula (I) is a dye represented by the following formula (II):



wherein X_{11} to X_{14} , Y_{11} to Y_{18} and M_1 each have the same meaning as those in the formula (I);
and a_{11} to a_{14} each independently represent an integer of 1 or 2.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

12. A method for ink jet recording, comprising using the ink for ink jet recording according to Claims the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 11.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

wherein the ink droplet comprises the ink for ink jet recording described in Claims the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 11.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

14. A method for producing the ink for ink jet recording according to ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 11, which comprises at least applying a ultrasonic vibration.

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

15. A method for producing the ink for ink jet recording according to ~~Claims~~ the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 11,

wherein the ink for ink jet recording prepared is filtered through a filter having pores of an effective diameter of not greater than 1 μm and defoamed before use.